

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

*IN THE ABSTRACT*

Please amend the Specification as specified herein in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 by replacing the identified paragraph(s) as indicated below. The amended paragraph(s) contain no new matter.

Specifically, please add the following new paragraph after the claims to form the Abstract (a copy of the below addition is provided in a separate sheet included herewith):

**—ABSTRACT**

A behind the ear hearing aid includes a housing having a housing shell configured in a contoured shape. The housing shell houses an electronic circuit and a power storage unit. A multi-function plate designed as a front plate for use in an in-ear hearing aid is adapted to couple to the housing shell to form the behind the ear hearing aid. The multifunction plate includes an access opening for one of the power storage unit and the electronic circuit.—